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TAGS: CDES, RO (MATEESCU, JOHN)
SUBJECT: ESTATE OF US CITIZEN JOHN MATEESCU

REF: BUCHAREST 225

1. ON JAN 13 CONSOFF VISITED MATEESCU'S APARTMENT TO TAKE POSSESSION OF VALUABLES AND SURVEY EXTENT OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND FURNISHINGS. FURNISHINGS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS IN ONE-ROOM APARTMENT ARE OF LITTLE OR NO COMMERCIAL VALUE AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DECEASED'S WISHES, UNLESS DEPARTMENT HAS OBJECTION, WILL BE GIVEN TO HIS FRIENDS CONSTANTA AND MIHAIL MIHAILEANU. VALUABLES FOUND IN APARTMENT CONSIST OF CURRENCY TOTALING \$8,590 IN US DOLLARS, WHICH IS BEING DEPOSITED IN EMBASSY'S TRUST ACCOUNT.

2. ON JAN 6 MR. MATEESCU HAD VISITED EMBASSY AND REQUESTED NOTARIAL SERVICES FOR A LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT AND A LETTER IN WHICH HE STATED THAT IN CASE OF DEATH, QUOTE " ALL MY PERSONAL ESTATE IN MY APARTMENT... BE GIVEN TO CONSTANTA AND MIHAIL MIHAILEANU OF BUCHAREST..." END QUOTE. ORIGINAL OF WILL LOCATED IN APARTMENT, AND ORIGINAL OF LETTER, WHICH DECEASED HAD GIVEN TO THE MIHAILEANUS, ARE NOW IN CONSOFF'S CUSTODY.

3. THE MIHAILEANUS STATE THAT IT WAS MATEESCU'S INTENTION TO GIVE THEM THE CURRENCY FOUND HERE TO PURCHASE AN APARTMENT AS
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REWARD FOR CARING FOR HIM DURING PAST SEVEN YEARS. THEY ALSO STATE THAT THEY WILL SUPPLY DOCUMENTS PROVING THAT MATEESCU HAD STARTED APPLICATION TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE WITH HARD CURRENCY FOR THEM. MATEESCU'S INTENTION IS CORROBORATED BY OTHER CONSOFF WHO IN LAST DECEMBER VISITED MATEESCU DURING ILLNESS.
POSSIBLE MATEESCU WAS HOLDING CASH RATHER THAN GIVING IT

DIRECTLY TO MIHAILEANU BECAUSE OF ROMANIAN CURRENCY LAWS.

4. DEPARTMENT ADVICE REQUESTED (A) TO WHOM THE ORIGINAL OF THE WILL AND LETTER BE DELIVERED, (B) AS WILL APPREARS TO COVER ONLY ESTATE LEFT IN THE US, WHAT LEGAL VALUE LETTER, GIVING ESTATE IN HIS APARTMENT TO THE MIHAILEANU, HAS. DECEASED'S LAST ADDRESS IN THE US WAS IN CARE OF TATARU, 31-18 35TH ST., L.I.C., N.Y. 11105. HE HAD NO RELATIVES LEFT IN T EH US AND, APART FROM SEVERAL LEGACIES TO US CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, BY THE TERMS OF THE LEFT BALANCE OF ESTATE TO RELATIVES AND FRIENDS IN ROMANIA.

5. POST APPRECIATES ANY ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE DEPARTMENT CAN OFFER.
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